

Klein, Colleagues Meet with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon

Klein Highlights Afghanistan, Iran as areas for cooperation

Washington, DC – This morning, Congressman Ron Klein (FL-22) joined his colleagues for a meeting with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon. Klein, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, focused his dialogue with Secretary Ban on Iran and Afghanistan.

"This morning's discussions with the Secretary-General were both interesting and productive," Klein said. "It was truly an around-the-world tour which covered a variety of pressing issues. I specifically raised the issue of Iran and asked what role the United Nations must play in encouraging China and Russia, two members of the Security Council, to address Iran's continual, flagrant violations of international law. I appreciated the Secretary-General's personal commitment to more actively play a role in this critical arena."

"We also discussed Afghanistan, and the bigger role the UN can play in non-military activities there, from coordinating agricultural planning to building schools, roads and general infrastructure."

Klein recently traveled to Afghanistan, where he met with political and military leaders, including Afghan President Hamid Karzai, as well as American troops stationed in both Kabul and Jalalabad.